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Kate Anderson responds to "You and your beard are no longer cool, says Wall Street Journal" on citypages.com

KICK THE CAN

WHAT DO WE WANT? Clean water! When do we want it? Later! The GOP-led House and Senate agriculture committees just announced they've postponed adoption of a clean water initiative until 2019, when the next Minnesota governor takes office. Or, if the stars align for these farm-friendly lawmakers: never. The rule, which was proposed by Gov. Mark Dayton, would mandate practices to keep farm fertilizer nitrates from seeping into waterways. High nitrate levels are toxic, especially dangerous for babies, and therefore... a partisan issue, apparently. There will be plenty more cans to kick around when we're all drinking canned water.

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he U.S. Supreme Court will soon rule on Donald Trump's executive order "travel ban," more commonly known as a "Muslim ban," though the president's plan cynically prohibited visitors only from the majority-Muslim countries he doesn't like or have money invested.

As court-watchers, immigrants, activists, and racists await that result, one Minnesota man has, at last, received a taste of justice for his small act of big-hearted patriotism.

St. Paul resident Mike Madden was arrested at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport back in January 2017, after joining a protest crowd of roughly 1,000 people. Madden arrived just as airport police had decided to disperse the crowd, ordering demonstrators to leave immediately.

Madden resisted cops' demand that he start his journey home by boarding an airport tram, and instead said he'd wait for his wife to come pick him up. This dispute, shockingly mundane in light of the weighty issues that inspired Madden, eventually resulted in his being handcuffed, booked, and charged with a crime. His protest sign reading "MUSLIMS WELCOME" was seized.

After Madden refused to take a plea deal to make the case go away, attorneys for the Metropolitan Airports Commission upped the charges to "trespass on critical public service facilities," punishable by up to a \$3,000 fine and/or a year in prison.

Madden's resistance was unwavering, as, for some reason, was the airport commission's stubborn insistence that a (very) peaceful protester waiting to get a ride from his wife was a criminal act. Madden's case went to trial last week.

On Friday afternoon, after five days in court, the case was given to the jury, and, the Pioneer Press reports, needed all of about a half-hour to find Madden not guilty.

"They way First Amendment rights have been eroding," Madden said after his trial,



JEFF WHEELER, STAR TRIBUNE

"this jury at least believes that the government has been too restrictive with speech."

Madden's attorney Jordan Kushner, a noted civil rights advocate, told jurors that prosecutors showed "no common sense" in going after Madden, with his "good faith belief that he had a right to ... express his beliefs." After the verdict, Kushner said Madden's case was an "important" test of the right to protest in "public places."

As he'd passed through the terminal

that day, Madden recalled later, a pair of East African employees read his sign and mouthed the words "Thankyou." Today, that same sentiment should be on the minds of anyone who supports the First Amendment.

Madden wasn't available for an interview Monday morning, as he had another duty to carry out: He expected to be in Ramsey County Court all day in support of a Black Lives Matter protester facing trial.-MIKE MULLEN



Pissing into the Wind

A conservative think tank's curious campaign against clean energy

ook up while traveling on I-35 in southern Minnesota, and you'll see ads for steakhouses and can't-miss campgrounds. You will also see a handful of billboards with the message, "Wind energy is NOT the answer."

Smaller text invites you to a website, MNGreenEnergyFails.com, where you'll find a 24-page report—"The High Cost of Failure"—detailing the evils of wind power in Minnesota.

While once we enjoyed electricity prices 20 percent below the national average, the report says, that differential was erased by "enormous investments in wind energy." This \$14 billion-plus lean into the wind is little more than a "grand exercise in virtue signaling."

Both the paper and the billboards come from the Center of the American Experiment, a conservative think tank known for its paradigm-shifting theories, like how teaching Edina kids about racism is a form of racism, that the solution to traffic is more cars, and that the Met Council is going to bus poor people into your living room.

This time it commissioned outside help from Steven F. Hayward, a climate change denier-for-hire who co-authored the report, which was then trumpeted in newspaper op-eds penned by "policy fellow" Isaac Orr. Both men have backgrounds in science. Political science. Which may be why the paper mentions "climate change" exactly once, and then only in reference to the "outcry" from "activists."

This spring, the center's "scholars" testified at the state Capitol about the renewable energy folly. Rep. Tim Mahoney, DFL-St. Paul, remembers looking at another legislator, one of Minnesota's "sharpest on energy

policy," and watched as he "just rolled his eyes at these guys."

Back in 2007, the year the center starts its analysis of rising electricity costs, Minnesota was a "big coal-burning state," Mahoney recalls. Watt-for-watt, there's nothing cheaper than shoveling coal into a burner, as industrialized countries have done since Napoleon ran France.

But there are a few side effects: At its production height a few years ago, a single big coal plant—the Sherco station in central Minnesota—was blamed for as many as 1,600 asthma attacks and 92 deaths a year, while spitting out as much carbon dioxide as all three million vehicles in the state combined. Then there was the 700-some pounds of mercury it was sending airborne.

The center's start date of 2007 coincides with the passage of goals calling for 80 percent renewable energy in Minnesota by 2050. The law was signed by a man we don't remember as a hippie: Tim Pawlenty.

What changed since then? The fossil fuel industry began dumping money not just into politics, but "research" papers as well. Buying Congress costs millions. What's the going rate for some skeptical research and a few billboards?

The center won't disclose its backers. President John Hindreaker says the think tank gets a "small amount from companies and nonprofits," and the "overwhelming majority" from individuals.

Sen. John Marty, DFL-Roseville, doesn't know who paid for the center's "science" but does know who stands to benefit. When even the smallest energy rate increase is proposed, no one fights harder than Koch Industries' oil refinery in Rosemount—the 12th-largest in the country, and believed to be Xcel Energy's biggest customer.

In truth, utilities have raised rates often over the past decade to pay for repairs at two nuclear plants, to retrofit coal plants and eliminate mercury pollution, and invest in wind energy. Each hiked prices. "Folks complaining about wind should look at how much we've spent on coal and nuclear plants," says Marty.

Today wind is the cheapest kind of energy to produce. Xcel says wind energy costs about \$15-\$25 per megawatt hour (an hour's worth of electricity for 300-some homes), cheaper than solar (\$45-\$55), nuclear (\$40-\$45), and even coal (\$25-\$35).

Wind does have its drawbacks: We can't effectively store it for later use and, as anyone who's been outside knows, it's not always blowing. Some sites have been disasters. Early this decade, Texas oilman T. Boone Pickens spent years fighting state regulators for approval of a wind farm near Red Wing, sued landowners when they started pulling out, and finally abandoned the project altogether without erecting a single turbine.

This year, small but vocal opposition to a project near Albert Lea effectively caused it to stall. In response, the developer simply built 58 more turbines across the border in Iowa.

Rep. Pat Garofalo, a Farmington Republican and chairman of the House energy committee, says, "Iowa and North Dakota tend to have better wind resources than Minnesota, with the exception being southern Minnesota." Precisely where a Golden Valley think tank is trying to make people wary of wind.

With 2,300-some turbines already churning, Minnesota generates 18 percent of its



Mike Mullen

electricity from wind. That lands us in the nation's top 10, but behind North Dakota (22 percent) and Iowa, which gets a nationleading 36 percent of its electricity from wind. If "frac-baby-frac" North Dakota and "let-farmers-farm" Iowa are ahead of Minnesota, maybe capturing wind won't turn us into communists.

Garofalo says Republicans "want cleaner and cheaper energy," period, and can make an economic case for using as much wind and solar power as possible.

For what it's worth, "The planet is warming," Garofalo says, "and it is caused by humans to a certain degree. I'll let others debate it... it's become a talking point to get people motivated or opposed to things."

Solving the sustainable energy problem is less like flicking a switch, and more like untangling Christmas lights-all while your aunt yells that the tree is about to burn down, and your uncle shouts back that fire is a myth, as he recently learned from a richly informative website.

"As with all things to do with energy, wind is complex," Garofalo says, and not easily captured in slogans.

Especially not the ones hovering above I-35. 🗰

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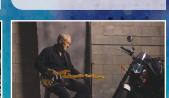
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I. THE SPARK

emaj Rankin was already a junior by the time he learned that Patrick Henry, U.S. founding father and namesake of the largest high school on Minneapolis' north side, was a slaveowner.

Patrick Henry High had been Rankin's second home. He'd chanted Henry's name at football games. He'd worn it proudly across his chest, believing the man famous for uttering the words "Give me liberty or give me death" was synonymous with freedom fighting.

The truth left him feeling cheated and disrespected.

"I was more upset when I found out that Patrick Henry not only owned slaves, but did nothing to abolish slavery," Rankin says. "To know something's wrong and then do nothing about it, when he had the power to speak his mind, I think that's more ugly."

So he decided to do something about it. Rankin threw away his school shirts and went to North News, the community newspaper, and announced his intention to change Henry High's name. He recruited teachers to advise and students dedicated to the cause. By December, they were marching on district headquarters.

This was to be a mission of discipline. They gathered at a bus shelter across the street, listening in rapt silence as Mac Campbell, a Henry graduate who went on to Howard University, set the tone for a movement to come.

"Everybody is a young adult. You need to carry yourself as such," she said sternly. "They already have all these preconceived notions about kids from the North Side, and I don't need you guys to go in there and prove them right."

If the superintendent's office expected a rowdy rabble, they didn't get one. And if students thought they'd face blowback from district leaders, it never came.

Instead, Chief of Schools Michael Thomas shared some pragmatic guidance.

The removal of historic monuments and names elsewhere had been attended by white supremacists, ad hoc vandalism, and flamethrower discourse. Henry students would be held to a higher standard.

In place of slash-and-burn protest, they'd have to follow district rules the way Justice Alan Page Middle School had, successfully expunging the name of Alexander Ramsey-Minnesota governor and Indian killer—from its building the year before.

It wouldn't be easy, Thomas warned. Mascots and jerseys must be replaced. Signs, scoreboards, and murals repainted. Every book in the school library refitted with a fresh barcode. They'd lose the powerful enrollment slogan, "PHamily," which

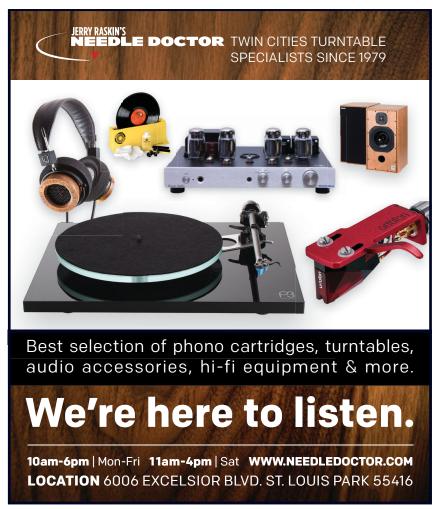


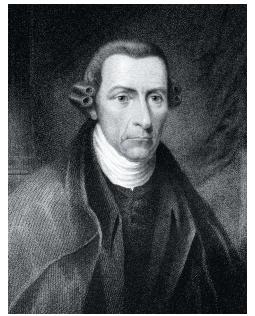




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instilled Patriot pride in north Minneapolis kids as early as kindergarten.

More pressing: The district was already facing a \$33 million budget deficit. Students would have to raise the money themselves.

Changing a name would be easy, he said. But changing hearts and minds? That would be more difficult than anyone could predict.

II. THE BIRTH OF A NATION

ave for his "liberty" proclamation, Americans know little about Patrick Henry. He preserved few of his personal writings. Most of what historians know comes from his rousing speeches.

In the days before the Revolutionary War, three events would launch his fame.

As a young lawyer, Henry took on a case known as the Parson's Cause. A drought had decimated Virginia's crops, causing the value of tobacco to skyrocket. Clergy, who were compensated in pounds of tobacco, expected a windfall. That wasn't fair in such times of crisis, the Virginia legislature decreed, passing a law to limit their pay. Preachers complained to London, which overruled the state.

Henry fought the clergy in court by raving against the tyranny of King George III. This was decidedly treasonous, but it made him a folk hero.

Later, the British enacted the widely hated Stamp Act, a tax on everything made of paper. Legend has it that Henry, who'd since gotten elected to the legislature, went to a tavern and drafted seven resolutions on a beer receipt. Each was more radical than the last, ranging from asserting colonists' rights to branding those who supported the Stamp Act as enemies of Virginia. The legislature adopted the four meekest resolutions, but the newspapers ran with all seven. He became wildly popular throughout the 13 colonies.

When the redcoats eventually moved | Dr. Jack Schaffer of St. Paul, a member of

Patrick Henry (1736-1799) American attorney, planter, and politician. Engraved by E. Welmore

in with force, agitated colonists debated taking up arms. Henry lent his fire: "Give me liberty or give me death!"

Bloodshed commenced. A country was founded. Afterward, Henry was elected the first governor of Virginia, complete with his own plantation. He would end up buying a roster of slaves, which seemed to clash with everything he believed.

"Slavery is detested," Henry once said. "We feel its fatal effects. We deplore it with all the pity of humanity."

But those words were but a fraction of a speech in which he urged

postponement of emancipation, which would have toppled a Virginia economy built on slave labor.

It was the birth of a paradox.

III. THE TEENAGE INSURRECTION

s freshman Janaan Ahmed waited for the bus one day, paging through an issue of North News, she fell across a story about Semaj Rankin's call to change Henry's name.

The fact that a majority African American school venerated a man who kept black people in bondage was one thing. The bigger deception, she says, was that most students spent four years at Henry without realizing it.

Ahmed joined Rankin's Change the Name committee. The group studied the life of Patrick Henry, then put on presentations showing fellow students how to embark on their own discovery. When they sampled nearly half of the student body, they found that 77 percent of students and 90 percent of staff supported the change.

The kids set up informational booths outside North Market, Cub Foods, and the YWCA. They talked to fans at basketball games and convinced teams to wear Change the Name warmup shirts. They went on KMOJ. They got out of bed early and stayed late after class, consulting feeder schools and the teacher's union.

They came up with alternate names that celebrated values such as "Liberty" and "Unity." By March, they were ready to engage Henry High's alumni.

The school has been around since 1927, built in a neighborhood that's seen radical demographic change over the past 90 years. White elders were certain to hold differing views. Their first public forum would test the students' knowledge, passion, and decorum.

An unexpected guest was 71-year-old Dr. Jack Schaffer of St. Paul. a member of the Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation board, an educational nonprofit. He's also a fifth-generation great-grandson of the original patriot.

Seated in discussion with a number of black students and their young teachers, Schaffer stuck out in his tweed suit and glasses. He was nervous, given his ancestry, that others would recoil at him. Instead, he was shocked at how curious they were to hear what he had to say.

Henry's hypocritical calls to liberty, while keeping slaves of his own, remain the most enigmatic thing about him. Schaffer's best guess is he'd been moved to leave wealth to his 17 children so their descendants might maintain their station in upper society.

"All of that led to me being born into the family I was born into with the advantages I had," he says. "All of that counts, going back generations and generations. The people who say slav-

ery was so long ago, I think are people who have no concept of history and the impact that history has."

From today's perspective Henry was clearly racist, Schaffer says. But he also believes that were Henry alive today, he'd admit his failures because "he was not that interested in his legacy, and I think he was really interested in people."

A retired psychologist more adept at problem-solving than taking sides, Schaffer is impartial to the name change. Yet he's impressed by the dedication of these young students.

"There was one student who spoke very eloquently about how disenfranchising it felt for her, a black 16-year-old, to walk into a school knowing it's named after a slave owner. And I think if Patrick Henry had been at that meeting, he would have said, 'I think you should change the name."

IV. THE LOYALISTS' ASSEMBLY

ord of the students' mission soon reached the ears of another Patrick Henry descendant, Brian Sheffey of Boston.

Sheffey, who'd spent most of his life in London, is the host of Genealogy Adventures—a popular blog and YouTube channel that began with a quest to reconnect with his American roots. He's mapped a family tree of more than 100,000 names.

One ancestor was the mixed-race child of Henry's grandson William Henry Roane—a staunch champion of slavery—and Elizabeth Henley, an enslaved woman. Their son, George, was sold.

Sheffey wouldn't call himself a defender



IEDDE WADE

Janaan Ahmed became a leader on the Change the Name committee during her sophomore year, presenting the students' views at many community gatherings.

of Henry, but he does believe in the importance of moral relativism. His forays into genealogy have made one thing clear: Anyone with deep enough roots in America is genetically connected to millions of strangers of every race and religion.

The news of Henry High's pushbothered him on a personal level. His 80-year-old father had come of age during the Jim Crow era, forced to sit in the back of the bus and drink from segregated water fountains even while wearing the uniform of a cadet on the USS Patrick Henry.

Still, the old man had been proud to discover the relation, Sheffey says. His 20 siblings and first cousins agree that the name of the school should stay. Their instinct says a change would amount to little more than a cosmetic coverup of deeper injustices.

"Be the change agents," Sheffey wrote to the school. "Insist upon a teaching of an unvarnished and un-spun history of the United States. ... That would be in keeping with the spirit of Patrick Henry. Start us down the road to accomplishing the task that he could not."

Letters flooded Henry High, echoing similar reasons for opposition. Alumni said they'd feel disconnected. They wondered what would become of all the Minnesota landmarks named for fallible founding fathers. They argued that change would drain donations needed in the classroom.

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to Henry High's site council, a body of parents and educators with the power to make recommendations to the superintendent. One man implored the students to empathize with alumni, who also grew up underdogs in the blue-collar neighborhoods of the North Side.

"This school and the experiences here, more than any other part of my life, shaped who I am more than I could ever describe," he said. "So why do I care? It's personal to me. It hurts."

But behind the scenes, many pushed the boundaries of civil disagreement.

In an email to the fiercely neutral Principal Yusuf Abdullah, opponent Michael Harasyn wrote, "I dream of the day when we make a law so we can lock up anti-Americans such as vou."

"Slave owners were not bad people in fact they probably provided better quality lives than their 'slaves' might have otherwise had," wrote Nova Boughton. "Thomas Jefferson was also a slave owner and in fact loved one of his slaves very much!"

The Save the Name Facebook page teemed with comments like Lynn Favre's: "These kids are all Muslim. That's there goal. Change everything." And Jeri Lindquist's: "Just another move to make the Twin Cities a utopia for minorities and transplants from other states in the U.S. and other parts of the world."

Added Diana Holt in a missive about the principal: "So a minority is telling me I have to change the name of my school and be okay with it he is the one spearheading this whole thing and he isn't even from our country??!!"

The venom offended those straddling

Denny Vanvick, a 1960 graduate, couldn't understand why students felt so strongly. He frequently wrote the Change the Name campaign to express his misgivings. But he would eventually switch teams due Opponents of the name change criticized students' behavior, financial plans, and survey methodology. Alumni did not produce their own survey data.

to the vitriol of opponents, which came as a shock.

"It's illustrative of the level of bias and racism in the underbelly of our culture, what goes on behind closed doors, what people are whispering," he says.

"The change doesn't affect the alumni," Vanvick has come to believe. "It's just the name on the school. So when you drive by, it won't change your standing in the class, your yardage record. We still have our copies of the yearbook. We still have our everything."

V. MONEY TALKS

lumnus Monte Miller posed a unique challenge to the students. Miller, class of 1954, coached football and wrestling for decades. He now serves on the Patrick Henry High School Foundation board, which raises thousands of dollars a year for scholarships, supplies, healthy breakfasts, hygiene products, and other necessities. His words had weight, as evidenced by the handful of alumni who relinquished their own public comment time so he could speak longer.

He admonished students for what he felt was their failure to grasp long-term consequences. One of the effects of a name change, Miller warned, was that alumni would no longer donate to the foundation.

"In other words, don't bite the hand that feeds you."

Since the start of the school year, many alumni have threatened to withhold their support. Some said they'll never give another dime. Two board members have

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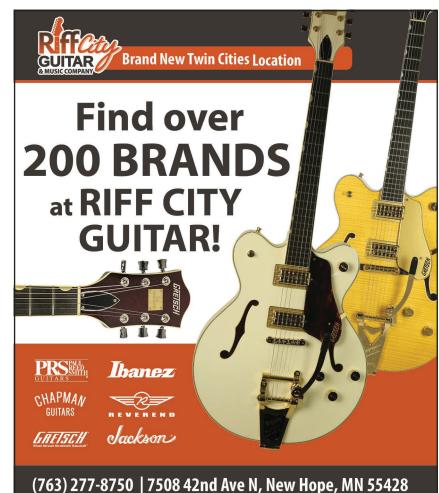
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Like the school and the neighborhood surrounding it, it's witnessing a transformative moment. The lion's share of the donations come from graduates of the 1960s, '70s, and '80s, says Chair Paul Chermak. If younger generations don't step up and give, the foundation may cease to exist.

"If there's any school that needs tools and assistance, it's Patrick Henry High School," Chermak says. "It's not like an Edina, a Minnetonka, with the huge donations and kids whose parents buy them the best football fields in the world.

"I will continue to donate no matter what the name of the school is, but that doesn't mean that others feel the same

One muggy afternoon in May, the dozen members of the foundation board gathered in a classroom for their final meeting of the school year. Principal Abdullah was present, along with teachers, parents, and alumni. In this intimate space, with the windows thrown open to exuberant sounds of children at play, they talk like old friends despite the turmoil of the preceding months.

The happy news is the treasurer's report shows donations have actually increased. However, there aren't enough officers left to elect a new board.

"Speaking for myself, I feel it's time for some of us to go out to pasture," said Miller, softly and more contritely than he had during the public forum. He assured the others he'd stay on until younger replacements are found.

"I am not going to leave it in the lurch or anything. I'll make sure there are new people on the board who are good people."

VI. OLIVE BRANCHES

bout 200 people packed Henry High's lower gym on the night of the site council's vote. The room was split between Save the Name supporters in red, Change the Name proponents in black.

Save the Name put up a fight, presenting its best financial arguments.

Students estimated the cost of new signs to be \$50,000. They planned to raise \$10,000 the first year and \$20,000 each of the following two. Yet by the time of the meeting, their GoFundMe stood at just \$4,000.

The alumni jeered Principal Abdullah as he sat in stony silence, wearing the conciliatory red shirt of a Henry High Patriot. Then they cheered as he was called upon to vote "no" in accordance with their "overwhelming opposition."

Save the Name also accused students of bullying. They said proponents labeled those who disagreed with them as "racists" and "white supremacists." They claimed kids indifferent to the name change were badgered, that the "negative" and "divisive" campaign caused rifts among friends.

Most of these claims were supported by neither detail nor evidence.

Ultimately, the site council voted to postpone its ruling. The meeting adjourned in a heated flurry.

With the question left overhanging the school, this year's seniors graduated with Patrick Henry diplomas.

Janaan Ahmed is upbeat. The campaign showed her a wide world of seemingly intractable differences. Yet it's only

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enriched her to watch how every individual differs in the way they reason, in their ability to listen.

She's learned how to accommodate those contrasts and to speak in ways that reach earnestly for strangers' hearts.

"We're not so worried about the opposition anymore. At the beginning it was us versus them, but now we just want to understand them so they can have a chance to understand us."

Ahmed wants others to realize that people who otherwise had little reason to come together have ultimately spent hours gathered in the stuffy basements and worn auditoriums of the school they all loved. That they've learned more about the real Patrick Henry than they may have ever wanted to know.

She wonders if her opponents ever had their minds changed, even a little bit, through the process of organizing in democratic fashion. She hopes so.

"We are unifying ourselves in greater ways than we think we're opposing each other." Ahmed says.

"At the end of the day, it seems like people are just afraid of change. But don't you see change is happening all around us? The earth is turning, the trees are blooming, the clouds are moving. Why can't names change, especially when the people inside the school are changing?"



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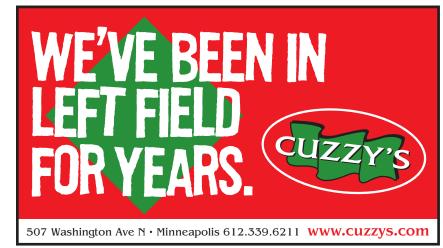


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yler Johnson was called to a life of cooking—literally. In 2014, the former Army specialist had just gone through a divorce. He was sleeping on a friend's couch when the phone rang: An old Army buddy, now a chef de cuisine in Los Angeles, wanted to invite Johnson to the City of Angels to try his hand at cooking. Four years and one prestigious Culinary Institute of America degree later, he's a chef at Bar Brigade in St. Paul, where he crafts artsy entrées like rabbit with roasted pickled carrots and a ramp and prosciutto mash, or Parisian gnocchi with arugula and cream sauce.

Still military-fit, with dark, curly hair and a full beard, the 29-year-old chef sees similarities between his Army duties and restaurant life. The kitchen milieu's work-hard, play-hard attitude is similar to that of the military. (So is the harsh language, and the humor.) "I love the stress. There's a constant deadline. You have to be quick," he says through an endearing, gap-toothed grin. "Almost like the military, the guys are fighting for each other. Not to that extreme, but when you're busting your ass for 10, 12 hours together, you create a bond. You better learn to like each other, or you're going to be miserable."

When he enlisted in the Army at 18, Johnson says the adrenaline-drenched experience felt fun. In hindsight, however? It was "actually pretty terrifying." During his seven-year military career, Johnson completed two deployments to Iraq and another to Afghanistan within five years. His did missions and base defense, shouldering tasks like running food, water, or gasoline between bases. As part of the Quick Reaction Force, he and his comrades were backup for fellow servicemen who got caught in firefights or whose vehicles broke down. At all hours of they day, they were called upon via walkie-talkies to drop everything and run to their trucks to help out.

He didn't know what was next when he left the military at 25. What he did know was that he needed to get out. "I just kind of wore myself out too fast, to the point where even my higher-ups in the military were like, 'You should probably just go home. You've done enough already. You should just go ahead and call this a career." His knees and back were killing him, and there was a psychological toll, too.



THE VETERAN CHEF

After serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, Tyler Johnson soldiers on at Bar Brigade

BY ERICA RIVERA

"You talk to any vet, they walk into a room and they assess who's the most dangerous person, where all the exits are, things like that," he says. "Sleep is very hard to come by. Anxiety. Lots of anxiety. I don't care who you are, you're going to take something back, especially mentally, from war. Because it's not normal."

After moving to California, he threw himself into line cook work at Pasadena's Vertical Wine Bistro and Animal in L.A., prepping salads and desserts for around \$10 an hour. Thanks to the GI Bill, he enrolled in culinary school at the Art Institute of North Hollywood, where an instructor noticed the intensity of his passion and encouraged him to trans-

fer to New York's Culinary Institute of America instead. Johnson did.

During a school break, Johnson journeyed to the Twin Cities to visit a friend who insisted they dine at the (now defunct, dearly missed) Strip Club. Johnson ate steak (of course), but it was the beet risotto with truffles that blew his mind. He tweeted as much to Strip Club co-owner J.D. Fratzke.

The two corresponded, eventually leading to an invitation to do a two-day "stage" with Fratzke at Red River Kitchen in 2016. A year later, the freshly minted CIA graduate moved to Minnesota and completed a stint at Strip Club before stepping into the Bar Brigade kitchen,

where he and Fratzke now bat ideas for dishes and specials back and forth.

Johnson's cooking is a mélange of influences. He grew up on the East Coast eating Pennsylvania Dutch fare: heavy, rich foods like lasagna, stew, and shoofly pie. "That's how you stayed warm: You ate thick food and drank beer," he says. He also savors Mexican flavors, a predilection developed in his adolescence in Arizona; Caribbean eats are another favorite, an ode to his mother's home in the Virgin Islands.

Factor in the technique and finesse he learned in fine dining, and you get the chef's "rebellious classical" cooking style, which sometimes finds him butting heads with Fratzke. "J.D. will say, 'Let's do classic like this.' I'm like, 'No. Tell me the classical way so I can completely obliterate it," Johnson says.

But Fratzke has a reputation for genuine caring and treating staff like family, and Johnson has benefited from that paternal influence. "I call him Dad," he says. "I'm having the time of my life with a guy who is well-respected in the Twin Cities and has been sweet enough to take me on and be my mentor."

And Johnson needs the support, because he's his own harshest critic. He'll tell you he's never good enough, that he'll never make a great dish. Even when he crafts something universally beloved, he thinks: "It could be better."

But who wants mastery? That's boring. Cooking is a never-ending battle, and this one, Johnson is all too eager to wage. To solidify his commitment to the kitchen, he had a knife tattooed on the right side of his neck. Beneath the blade are the letters MEP, for "mise en place," the French phrase that refers to the strict organizational setup of the kitchen.

When he's not wielding knives and stirring sauces, Johnson takes in the bountiful flavors of his Cathedral Hill neighborhood, where he ricochets among watering hole the Happy Gnome, Southern food-inspired Revival, and Mississippi Market. But he devotes the lion's share of his time to Bar Brigade, his culinary home. And a fitting home, indeed: Bar Brigade's name is a nod to the "brigade de cuisine," the kitchen hierarchy system inspired by the military.

"This is as close to the military as I'm going to get," Johnson says. "I couldn't do anything else."



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The last time he was in town, comedian Joe Zimmerman was fascinated with self-help books. "I did a lot of jokes about it, got a book proposal of my own out of it, and now I'm all fixed up." Onward and upward then. "I would say I've branched out a little back into history stuff and science-type topics, and then also stuff going on right now that I find interesting like the royal wedding and National Geographic admitting to years of racism." Zimmerman was shocked by how many people watched the former. "Do I care about this? And I started think about it and heard people deliberating, 'Oh, is she just wanting to be a princess or does she really love him?' I don't know why we should care. I could probably love somebody if I could be princess." Zimmerman was actually at the same school as Prince William back in the day. "I studied abroad at St. Andrews for a semester," he reports. "There would always be sightings. 'Prince William is at the quad, we should check it out!' But I never had any interest. I don't know what you're supposed to do, just stare at the prince?" 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. \$15-\$18. 708 N. First St., Minneapolis; 612-338-6393. Through Saturday -P.F. WILSON

THURSDAY 6.14

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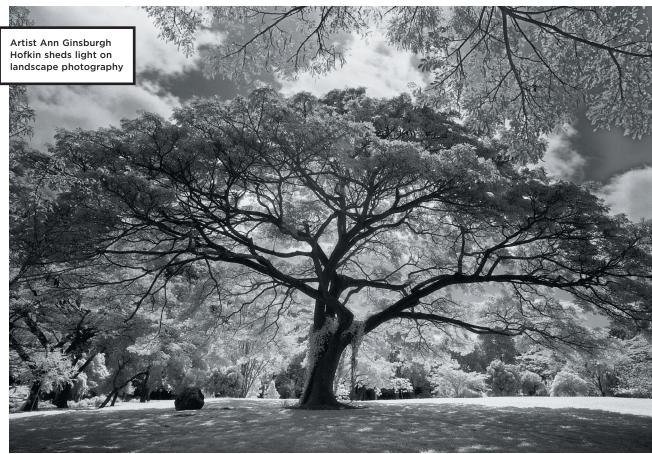
ICON SAM: TEMPLE DANCES

THE COWLES CENTER FOR DANCE & THE PERFORMING ARTS

The Hennepin Center for the Arts in downtown Minneapolis was originally a landmark Masonic Temple, erected in 1888. One hundred and thirty years later, fearless choreographer/performer Sally Rousse has taken on the whole darned edifice, creating an immersive performance experience that guides audience members through

the building and into its multi-layered history. ICON SAM (an anagram for "masonic") features works that Rousse commissioned by area choreographers Wynn Fricke, HIJACK, Lise Houlton, Judith Howard, Judith Brin Ingber, and Sossy Mechanics. Audiences will be led throughout the eight-story building-its alleys and hallways as well as the grand studios and theaters that originally housed the meetings and secret ceremonies of Masonic Temple Lodge No. 19. Audience members will be treated as Masonic initiates, divided into small groups and guided through installations such as the Hall of Memories, where timelines of what happened here will be open to audience participation. (Share a memory!) Equally a celebration of the building's architectural wonders and

its historical transitions (it once housed a beauty parlor and several businesses, and now harbors a host of arts groups), the performance also honors the spirit of all the people who have rehearsed and performed there (including Mikhail Baryshnikov and Prince). The evening incorporates thrills, chills, and stylistic innovation. So while HIJACK offers an audacious homage to the architecture, Megan McClellan performs a virtuosic solo with tables in the Illusion Theater Lobby, Wynn Fricke creates a ritual, and Rousse dares to dance on a balcony railing. Audiences will literally be on their feet throughout the performance, so comfortable clothes and shoes are in order. 6 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. \$25. 528 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis; 612-206-3636. Through June 24 -LINDA SHAPIRO



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OMEDY

CORINNE FISHER AND KRYSTYNA HUTCHINSON

RICK BRONSON'S HOUSE OF COMEDY Sorry About Last Night is the duo of Corinne Fisher and Krystyna Hutchinson who have been performing together since 2011. The pair also host the hit podcast Guys We Fucked: The Anti-Slut Shaming Podcast, on which they interview guys they've slept with as well as adult film actors and fellow comedians. While technically a comedy duo, they aren't the kind who stand next to each other and crack wise while exchanging barbs. Instead, the two appear onstage together to start the show then split up to do individual standup sets. Fisher discusses, among other things, body

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image and the never-ending obsession people have with selfies. Hutchinson riffs on growing up with a mother who suffered from mental illness, as well as lighter topics like her disdain for engagement photos. They reconvene to talk about Bridget Bishop, the namesake of their current tour. Bishop was the first woman executed during the Salem witch trials in 1692. 16+. 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 9:45 p.m. Friday; 7 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday. \$23. 408 E. Broadway, Mall of America, Bloomington; 952-858-8558. Through Saturday -P.F. WILSON

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Through August 5 — CAMILLE LEFEVRE

THEATER **FAMILIE**

OPEN EYE FIGURE THEATRE

Last year, veteran costume designer Sonya Berlovitz ventured into playwriting with a workshop production of Familie. The

show featured her sister, actress Barbra Berlovitz, and mom, Jennie Berlovitz, in a poetic, semi-autobiographical tale about family, relationships, and time. Sonya, who is known for her work with Moving Company and many other dance and theater organizations around town, brings the piece back this weekend for an expanded show with new choreography by Laurie Van Wieren. Last year's production was a delight, due in no small part to the charming performance and personality of Jennie, who is now 98 years old. With song, dance, vaudeville, and projections, this is a heartwarming, humorous, and joyful event. 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday; 4 p.m. Sunday. \$18; \$15 seniors. 506 E. 24th St., Minneapolis;612-874-6338.

Through Sunday - SHEILA REGAN

DANCE

INBOX AT THE ART BOX

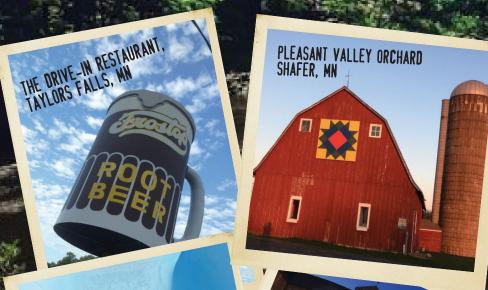
THE ART BOX

Mini-fests of dance and performance continue to spring up in the Twin Cities. The latest is presented by Off-Leash Area in its new venue, the Art Box. Ten artists are featured in new work over the weekend, including the gorgeous and fleet Denise Armstead, the Palestinian-American artist Leila Awadallah (who performs with Ananya Dance), and Ariella Brown (who has worked with concert hiphop pioneer Rennie Harris and also makes her own site-specific work). Emerging and established, the choreographers here reflect the diversity of live art happening locally and indicate who to watch in the years to come. Find tickets on eventbrite.com. 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. \$10-\$25 sliding scale. 4200 E. 42nd St., Minneapolis.

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FRIDAY 6.15

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Nocturnal arts festival Northern Spark has undergone a transformation: The latest iteration of the communityfocused gathering will not be a onenight dusk-to-dawn affair, but will instead take place over two consecutive evenings, commencing at sundown and concluding at 2 a.m. each night. Despite the abbreviated hours, there should be ample time to enjoy festivities thanks to the three host sites—the Commons, Minneapolis Central Library, Nicollet Mall (between Third and Eighth Streets)-being so centrally located. Not only are these venues in close proximity to one another, each underscores Northern Spark's goal of accessibility, a mission reinforced by this year's theme of commonality. Like a recurrent thread running through the multimedia displays, activities, and ongoing performances, Northern Spark continues to foster an inclusivity vast enough to honor our wonderfully diverse Twin Cities community. Find locations and more info at 2018.northernspark.org. 9:02 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Through Saturday -BRAD RICHASON

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STONE ARCH BRIDGE

The best place to spend Father's Day weekend (with or without your dad) is the Stone Arch Bridge Festival. Taking over the riverfront area of St. Anthony Main, the festival is the third largest in

Minneapolis, attracting thousands of visitors each year. You like live music? Check out the three stages of free concerts. You want art? More than 200 artists will show off an incredible array of work using any material you can imagine. There's also a classic car show, a beer sampler, and family activities, meaning that you could have three entirely unique days of sweaty summertime fun. Best of all? You can tell your dad you brought him along because it's his day-even if you don't care about him at all. For more info, visit www.stonearchbridgefestival. com. 5 to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Free, 212 SE Second Ave., Minneapolis.

Through Sunday —PATRICK STRAIT

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VARIOUS LOCATIONS

"No one has bought a ticket," says Joseph Papke about the particular pressure of presenting Shakespeare in the park. "No one has to sit there and listen to you. If they stay, it's because what you're doing is engaging them." This is the fifth year Papke's company Classical Actors Ensemble is bringing the Bard to Twin Cities green spaces, and they've seen their audiences steadily increase. Papke says they've gone from, "Oh, hey, there's 30 people today! That's great!" to, "Oh my God, there's like 250 people here." This year, the company is breaking with tradition and presenting a tragedy instead of a comedy. They're not hitting us with Lear, though: They're staging Romeo and Juliet. "It actually is a fantastic balance of comedy and tragedy," says Papke. Even if you just

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A fire destroyed the Roberts' Shoe Store building on Memorial Day weekend, displacing dozens of artists and collectives. Since then, the Twin Cities community has been



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stepping up to help. Almost immediately, crowdfunding campaigns were set up to aid folks who lost equipment, years of work, and personal items. This week, people who want to assist can stop by Moon Palace Books for a comedy and music showcase where funds will benefit artists affected by the fire. Hosted by Devohn and Xochi de la Luna, the event will feature a comedy open mic, plus sets from Helena Balcziak and Madi Tentinger. The Miami Dolphins will headline the music portion of the evening, with Tongue Party, Gather Data Pray for Death, and Crash Cuddle also taking the stage. 7 to 11 p.m. \$5-\$15 sliding scale donation. 3032 Minnehaha Ave., Minneapolis; 612-454-0455. —SHEILA REGAN

caught the Guthrie's 2017 production, Papke believes the timeless tale is worth seeing again. "There's something to the experience of going through the story with actors in an intimate, real-world setting in the beauty of our local parks." Find times and locations at www.classicalactorsensemble. org. Through July 15 —JAY GABLER

DANCE

ROOTED: HIP HOP CHOREOGRAPHERS' EVENING

WELLSTONE CENTER

This project, which won a 2014 Sage Award for Outstanding Dance Performance, continues on in celebration of the foundations of hip-hop. Created and curated by Maia Maiden, this year's dynamic event showcases the diverse talents of hip-hop performers in the Twin Cities, and also includes special guests from South Africa and New York. Fleet of foot, with raps and rhymes that help drive the rhythms, the show celebrates the cultural roots of the dance form. It's also the only choreographers' evening focused exclusively on dance under the hip-hop umbrella. Don't delay: These shows sell out fast. 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. \$15-\$18.179 E. Robie St., St. Paul; 651-789-2500. Through Saturday — CAMILLE LEFEVRE

SATURDAY 6.16

LGBTQ

PRIDE KICK-OFF PARTY

INSIGHT BREWING

Pride isn't just about the big parade and festival in Loring Park. The month-long celebration also features picnics, family

happenings, sports meetups, and more all around town. This Saturday, Indeed will honor the LGBTO community with OutFront Minnesota. In addition to its regular beer menu, the brewery will tap five fruity special casks: golden ale Sashay Away Strawberry, a banana hefeweizen, a blood orange IPA, the blueberry-laced Saison You Stay, and a Crazy Aunt brew with kiwi. Frozen bananas will provide sustenance, as will eats from Butcher Salt. A photobooth, performances from drag kings and queens, DJ tunes, and inflatable unicorn jousting round out the event. Noon to 5 p.m. \$2 suggested entry fee (all admission sales benefit OutFront Minnesota). 2821 E. Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis; 612-722-7222. - JESSICA ARMBRUSTER

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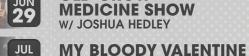


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FILM

FAMILIES ARE HELL

Hereditary reminds us that every unhappy family is overwhelmed by demonic forces in its own way



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BY KEITH HARRIS

family is a horror movie waiting to happen.

Parents guard dark secrets, adolescents are real-life mutating zombies, and younger children—well, they're just plain creepy to begin with. By acknowledging the universal truth that family members are one another's nastiest tormentors, Ari Aster's Hereditary generates some truly horrifying imagery, cruelly ironic comedy, and genuine psychological insight.

Annie Graham (Toni Collette) is an artist who recreates her familial trauma in miniature, crafting intricate dollhouses that commemorate the misery her loved ones have inflicted upon her. As the movie begins, she's processing her lack of grief at the death, after years of dementia, of her mother, Ellen. While Annie's husband, Steve, played with a suitably waxen reserve by Gabriel Byrne, seems nice enough, his lukewarm geniality doesn't offer much significant consolation. Their weed-huffing son, Peter (Alex Wolff), seems to aspire to nothing more than the life of an ordinary teen burnout and non-virgin. (Kid, you are in the wrong movie for that, let me tell you.) Finally, there's grandma's favorite, the Grahams' 13-year-old daughter, Charlie (Milly Shapiro), who lurks with opaque menace behind the dead-eyed stare of a reanimated doll.

The reason to watch *Hereditary* is to watch Toni Collette, an actress who responds to normal events so unpredictably that you eagerly await how she'll respond to paranormal ones. Annie seems to operate at twice the emotional and intellectual speed of everyone around her. Whether she's delivering the eulogy for a mother she loathed or oversharing at a survivors' support group, she sweeps unsuspecting bystanders up in the current of her perpetually unfolding internal psychodrama, then strands them several miles downstream as she moves on to the next set of unfortunates.

The spirit world is given the go-ahead to wreak havoc after Annie is coerced into conducting a séance, which vies with "head down to the basement alone" or "have sex in the woods" for the very worst decision to make when you're in a creepy movie. *Hereditary* thrives on misdirection and unanticipated plot curlicues, so I won't get too specific about what follows. But along the way to a truly gruesome climax we witness decapitation (human and avian), spontaneous combustion,

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demonic possession, involuntary levitation, treacherous sleepwalking, dreams masquerading as waking life, swarms of flies, a habitual tongue-clucking that's the most unsettling aural horror device since "ba-ba-dook-dook-doook," and uncomfortably tense dinner-table conversation.

Critics eager to type "modern horror classic" whenever a scary movie has greater ambitions than the serial mutilation of photogenic teens have gone comparisoncrazy for Hereditary: The Exorcist, Rosemary's Baby, even "a death-metal version of Bergman's Cries and Whispers." But while Aster is a sure-handed conductor of terror, ping-ponging the action between the disturbing and ridiculous swiftly enough to keep you off balance and elicit both gasps and nervous laughs, he doesn't quite stick the landing. The grotesque tableau we end on is true to the film's rather elaborate demonology, but shortchanges the intense, nuanced Collette performance that leads up to it. Like Annie's dollhouses, the technique is precise and immaculate, but the human element has been eradicated.



INTO THE WOODS

Shoot the Glass Theater doesn't land a happy ending



TWIN CITIES HEADSHOTS

BY JAY GABLER

hen intermission arrives during Into the Woods. some audiences need a firm reminder that there is a second act. By the end of the show's fast and fun first half, its jumbo cast of fairytale characters have conquered their demons and seem ready to live happily ever after. In the second act, composer/lyricist Stephen Sondheim and playwright James Lapine twist the knife.

Into the Woods is for everyone who's finished Cinderella and wondered how marriage can possibly work for a couple who think they've found true love after just a few spins on the dance floor. The titular forest becomes a metaphor for maturity: thrilling at first, then arduous and ambiguous.

A no-frills production offers the opportunity to focus on those characters, in contrast to the 2014 movie that buried Sondheim's wry tone in a sea of CGI. Unfortunately, Shoot the Glass Theater doesn't quite have the chops to make this show pop in its new production at the Crane Theater.

The gregarious Ryan Nielson leads a promising young troupe. Their 2016 production of Company was an enjoyable romp through one of Sondheim's lesserknown works, and their new Into the Woods achieves a similarly warm, ego-free flavor. It also, however, demonstrates the limits of a process that emphasizes the cast's creativity over "the director's 'vision" (per the company's website), particularly with such complex material and actors who aren't super-seasoned.

INTO THE WOODS

The Crane Theater 2303 Kennedy St. NE #120, Minneapolis Through July 1; 612-548-1380

The story weaves an amusing set of interrelationships among fairytale icons like Cinderella (Becca Hart), Jack (Andrew Newman), Little Red Riding Hood (Karissa Lade), and an all-purpose witch (Emily Jansen). The show's first half is a frothy blend of several stories, all happening at once. In the second act, happily-ever-after is threatened not just by an angry giant but by the vagaries of the heart.

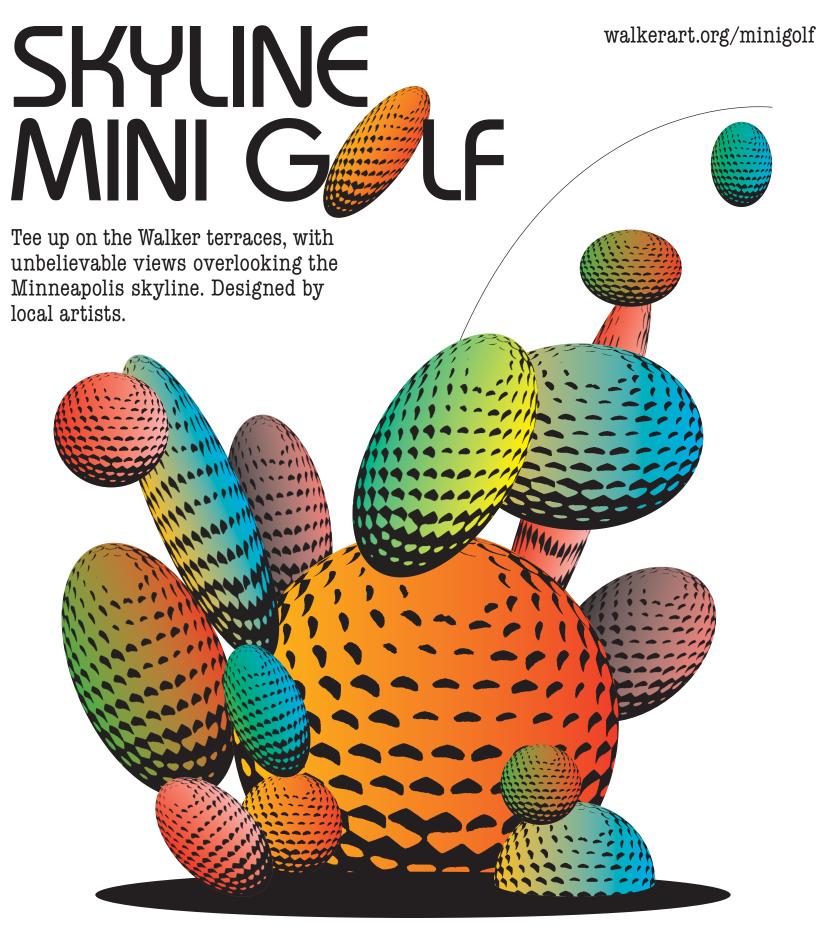
The show commands a large cast, with pianist Jean Van Heel (who shares musicdirector duties with Randy Buikema) leading a five-piece band. Beyond those considerable human resources, clad in fanciful costumes by Rachel Nielson, there's not much more to this production: Props, set elements, and lighting cues are all minimal.

It's an Olympian vocal undertaking, even by Sondheim standards, with ensembles of actors tagging off sometimes syllable by syllable. Though the production is flub-free, its energy never really builds. Numbers that should be showstoppers are merely pleasant. The musical may mature over its month-long run, but on opening night, Hart-fresh off a powerhouse performance in the Jungle's Wolves-was the only lead who seemed fully in command of her character.

Shoot the Glass shot the moon with this show. The company's achieved a fine liftoff, but it could use a couple more stages of rocket fuel.







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KATIE LIETZ

38, HAIRSTYLIST AND MODEL

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Tom Ford glasses, Target swimwear top, H&M blazer, Express pants and wedges,

Describe your style:

Classic and elegant. For the daily, I love the J.Crew vibe, but for a night out, I love simple, sexy, and polished.

Your favorite decade for style? 1940s glam.

What would be your fashion industry dream job?

I followed my dream to be a model five years ago and love it!

DEJA CARTER

23, ADVOCATE

What are you wearing?

Jean jacket and turtleneck from Target, American Eagle ripped jeans, hot pink Docs.

Describe your style:

Exuberant and eccentric.

Your favorite decade for style? The '80s.

What would be your fashion industry dream job?

Something involving traveling around the world.

MEGHANLEE PHILLIPS

23, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE VOLK MAGAZINE / WARDROBE STYLIST

What are you wearing?

Earrings, shirt, and socks are Forever21, H&M tulle skirt. My favorite pink Dorothy-inspired shoes I found at DSW.

Describe your style:

Eclectic with a whimsical touch.

Your favorite decade for style?

Late '60s mini skirts and dresses.

What would be your fashion industry dream job?

If I can continue to grow my magazine, I'll be ecstatic!











GEORGE JONES, MY DAD, AND ME

Learning to understand my father by re-listening to his favorite song

hen your parents die, their lives are yours to reimagine. Asmall consolation maybe, but just as when you're young and your mom and dad might fantasize about where your life will lead, you can, once they're no longer around to explain themselves, look back at their decisions and, limited only by their words and actions, reconstruct them as the people you need them to have been.

I always start small, with the questions that might at first seem trivial. For instance, why was George Jones' "He Stopped Loving Her Today" the only song my father loved?

There are obvious reasons. It's the single most soulful vocal performance ever from the greatest country singer of all time. The song begins with Jones softly stating, "He said, 'I'll love you till I die," then pushes that romantic cliché to its obvious end. We flash forward to the heartbroken man's funeral: the day he stopped loving her, get it? With cool restraint, Jones underplays the verses' black humor, as when the narrator, an old friend, remarks of the carefully arranged corpse, "First time I'd seen him

smile in years." Then, on the chorus, voice and strings ascend together without friction or restraint, as though all gravity has vanished and every musical element is free to float effortlessly upward.

That's what a music critic would say, anyway. But my dad wasn't a music critic. He wasn't even a music fan. Hell,

he was barely a George Jones fan. "The Grand Tour," "The Race Is On," "A Good Year for the Roses"—my dad rarely, if ever, turned to these classics. "He Stopped Loving Her Today" was the only Jones song—the only song, period—I ever knew him to listen to deliberately.

It was also the only song he cared enough about to take the time and explain to me. Morbid as my preteen imagination was, the meaning of "They placed a wreath upon his door/And soon they'll carry him away" eluded me till my dad helped me see the dead man in his coffin. Something about those lyrics impressed him so much that he had to tell someone else, even if it was a 10-year-old fidgeting in the far back of a station wagon en route to Little League practice, but what?

Here are the facts I have to work from: Jack Harris was born poor in Scranton in 1941, and through hustling as a siding contractor, he scraped together a comfortable life for his family. He died broke in 2005, after any equity that the '70s recession hadn't eroded was fully wiped out by the cost of treating a mysterious neurological ailment

that struck my mother in her 40s and soon killed her. My parents had met as kids in the Trenton housing projects, jitterbugged through the '50s together, and became grown-ups just before the Beatles made perpetual youth an option if not a requirement. One morning in 1992, he woke up and she didn't.

Unfathomable, selfimposed rules governed my father's life. He negotiated payment plans with the hospitals and doctors who cared for my mother rather than seeking bankruptcy. He worked. And he worked. His was that kind of work ethic that begins in moral belief but ends in blue-collar

fatalism, where you commit yourself to the work you have no choice but to do as a way of exerting control over your life. You'll never be free to quit your job, but you can make sure you pay your debts. Or, as George Jones sang, you'll never be free to decide who you love, but you can commit to loving her till you die.

Watching my father I learned that adulthood could be the process of learning to enjoy your lack of freedom. But once your wife was gone and your kids no longer depended on you, that stupidly unanswerable American question "What do you want for yourself?" was sure to resurface. Within a few years of my mother's death, a high school classmate who'd harbored a longterm crush on my dad re-entered his life. He moved into her house but refused to marry her, sidestepping the issue with a vague "I've already been married" until she was dying about a decade later and her wishes outweighed his inscrutably principled resistance. I sometimes suspect that he was swept away so quickly by her infatuation that he was half of a couple again before he knew what happened, but that he later came to welcome the sense of obligation this new relationship brought him.

When George Jones himself died in 2013, I was inching closer to the age my dad was when he lost my mom. I too knew debt and death and heartbreak. I'd never married, but about six months earlier a relationship headed in that direction had suddenly evaporated. I was, in short, ready to be sad. Really sad. George Jones sad. The colossal desolation in Jones' voice, that paradoxical mix of resignation and indignation, crooked its finger beckoningly my way. What's most insidious about his

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artistry is how he makes inconsolable grief sound like an achievement. As the music critic Charles Aaron tweeted after Jones died: "He made being heartbroken seem like the most exotic ADULT thing ever."

And yet, as I learned from my own experience, there is nothing particularly grown-up about heartbreak; nothing is easier to commit to than a life of misery. That hardly makes "He Stopped Loving Her Today" the story of a hopeless fool. It's too beautiful for that, and too ambiguous. It's the testimony of an awed outsider who can't quite comprehend the monumental obsession he encounters. It's Ishmael witnessing Ahab, Nick pondering Gatsby, Marlow discovering Kurtz.

My father was a religious man who never talked about God. But I believe the version of him I've reconstructed could hear a hymn to a broken man's self-determination in "He Stopped Loving Her Today." Like the Catholic Church had taught him as a boy, suffering was holy. So much of our pain is private, we need moments where art opens us up to a sadness greater than ourselves. I can imagine why my father would, like the song's narrator, stand in awe of that man's love.

But I don't want to be that man. And I don't want my dad to be that man. And I don't have to let either of us be that man. If so much of my dad's life was anchored by pain, I choose to remember those moments of grace, of lightness, of humor, when he expressed his love through his actions, whether patiently failing to help me be less mediocre at sports or caring for two dying wives or simply explaining a country song. He endured a harder life than he should have, yes. But just as George Jones allowed him to see the beauty in his suffering, my dad, in turn, showed me how to recognize something transcendent in my deepest moments of pain without surrendering to despair.

CRITICS' PICKS

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Right at this moment, 19-year-old Baltimore singer-songwriter Lindsey Jordan, who records as Snail Mail, is surrounded by uncommon excitement in the indie-rock world. As with fellow acclaimed newcomers Soccer Mommy and Vagabon, Jordan's songs radiate emotion, honesty, and a quiet power, though hers are more slowcore-indebted, and she may be an even more special talent overall. Her full-length debut, Lush, released last week via Matador, absolutely deserves the hype. With Bonny Doon. 18+. 7:30 p.m. \$12/\$15.701 First Ave. N., Minneapolis; 612-338-8388. - MICHAEL MADDEN





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FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

>> By Rob Brezsny

ARIES (March 21-April 19): My Aries acquaintance Tatiana decided to eliminate sugar from her diet. She drew up a plan to avoid it completely for 30 days, hoping to permanently break its hold over her. I was surprised to learn that she began the project by making a Dessert Altar in her bedroom, where she placed a chocolate cake and five kinds of candy. She testified that it compelled her willpower to work even harder and become even stronger than if she had excluded all sweet treats from her sight. Do you think this strenuous trick might work for you as you battle your own personal equivalent of a sugar addiction? If not, devise an equally potent strategy, You're on the verge of forever escaping a temptation that's no good for you. Or you're close to vanquishing an influence that has undermined you. Or both.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You have caressed and finessed The Problem. You have tickled and topped a Problem. You have tickled and teased and tinkered with it. Now I suggest you let it alone for a while. (Bue it breathing room. Allow it to evolve under the influence of the tweaks you have instigated. Although you may need to return and do further work in a few weeks, my guess is that The Problem's knots are now destined to metamorphose into seeds. The awkwardness you massaged with your love and care will eventually yield a useful magic.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): "Whether you love what you love or live in divided coasologs rough agricus is whether the control of divided ceaseless revolt against it, what you love is your fate. "Gemin poet Frank Bidart wrote that in his poem "Guilty of Dust," and now I offer it to you. Why? Because it's an excellent time to be honest with yourself as you identify whom and what you love. It's also a favorable phase to assess whether you are in any sense at odds with whom and what you love; and if you find you are, to figure out how to be in more harmonic alignment with whom and what you love. Finally, dear Gemini, now is a key moment to vividly register the fact that the story of your life in the coming years will pivot around your relationship with whom and what you love.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Congratulations on the work you've done to cleanse the psychic toxins from your soul, Cancerian. I love how to cleanse the psychic toxins from your soul, Cancerian. I love how brave you've been as you've jiettisoned outworn shitcks, inadequate theories, and irrelevant worries. It makes my heart sing to have seen you summon the self-respect necessary to stick up for your dreams in the face of so many confusing signals. I do feel a tinge of sadness that your heroism hasn't been better appreciated by those around you. Is there anything you can do to compensate? Like maybe intensify the appreciation you give yourself?

Compensaer: Like maybe intensity on the appreciation you give yourself?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): I hope you're reaching the final stages of your year-long project to make yourself as solid and steady as possible. I trust you have been building a stable foundation that will serve you well for at least the next five years. I pray you have been creating a rich sense of community and establishing vital new traditions and surrounding yourself with environments that bring out the best in you. If there's any more work to be done in these sacred tasks, intensify your efforts in the coming weeks. If you're behind schedule, please make up for lost time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): "Necessity is the mother of invention," says an old proverb. In other words, when your need for some **A says ain our proveru. In outer words, within your need for some correction or improvement becomes overwhelming, you may be driven to get creative. Engineer Allen Dale put a different spin on the issue. He said that "If necessity is the mother of invention, then laziness is the father." SI haviter Robert Heinlein agreed, asserting that "progress is made by lazy men looking for easier ways to do things." I'm not sure if necessity or laziness will be your To easier ways to unlings. Initin dust in necessity or laziness will no your motivation, Virgo, but I suspect that the coming weeks could be a golden age of invention for you. What practical innovations might you launch? What useful improvements can you finagle? (P.S. Philosopher Alfred North Whitehead attributed the primary drive for innovative ideas and gizmos to "pleasurable intellectual curiosity.")

← LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Would you have turned out wiser and wealthier if you had dropped out of school in third grade? Would it have been better to apprentice yourself to a family of wolves or coyotes rather than trusting your educational fate to institutions whose job it was to acclimate you to society's madness? I'm happy to let you know that you're entering a phase when you'll find it easier than usual to unlearn any old conditioning that might be suppressing your ability to fulfill your rich cortextibal. Lyrac was to eccle out executive to have been your riche potentials. I urge you to seek out opportunities to unleash your skills and enhance your intelligence.

TIL SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The temptation to overdramatize is strong, Going through with a splashy but messy conclusion may have a perverse appeal. But why not wrap things up with an elegant whisper instead of a garish bang? Rather than impressing everyone with how instead of a gaist bang; hauter than impressing everyone with low amazingly complicated your crazy life is, why not quietly lay the foundations for a low-key resolution that will set the stage for a productive seque? Taking the latter route will be much easier on your karma, and in my opinion will make for just as interesting a story.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Each of us harbors rough, vulnerable, controversial, or unhoned facets of our identity. And every A utilinerable, controversial, or unhoned facets of our identity, And every one of us periodically reaches turning points when it becomes problematic to keep those qualities buried or immature. We need to make them more visible and develop their potential. I suspect you have arrived at such a turning point. So on behalf of the cosmos, I hereby Invite you to enjoy a period of ripening and self-revelation. And I do mean "enjoy," Find a way to have fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): For the next two-plus weeks, an unusual rule wilb be in effect: The more you lose, the more you gain. That means you will have an aptitude for eliminating hassles, banishing stress, and shedding defense mechanisms. You'll be able to purge emotional congestion sneuumy derense mecnanisms. You'll be able to purge emotional congestion that has been preventing clarity. You'll have good intuitions about how to separate yourself from influences that have made you weak or angry. I'm excited for you, Capricorn! A load of old, moldy karma could dissolve and disperse in what seems like a twinkling. If all goes well, you'll be traveling much lighter by July 1.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): I suggest you avoid starting a filtratious correspondence with a convict wholl be in jail for another 28 years. OK? And don't snack on fugu, the Japanese delicacy that can poison you if the cook isn't careful about preparing it. Please? And don't participate in a séance where the medium summons the spirits of psychotic ancestors or diabolical celebrities with whom you imagine it might be interesting to converse. Got that? I understand you might be in the mood for high adventure and out-of-the-ordinary escapades. And that will be fine and healthy as long as you also exert a modicum of caution and discernment.

X PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): I suggest that you pat yourself on the back with both bands as your size. with both hands as you sing your own praises and admire your own willful beauty in three mirrors simultaneously. You have won stirring victories willing beauty in ure initrots similarleadously. You neave won surring victories over not just your own personal version of the devil, but also over your own inertia and sadness. From what I can determine, you have corralled what remains of the forces of darkness into a comfy holding cell, sealing off those forces from your future. They won't bother you for a very long time, maybe never again. Right now you would benefit from a sabbatical—a vacation from all this high-powered character-building. May I suggest you pay a restorative visit to the Land of Sweet Nonsense?

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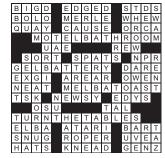
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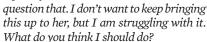
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Retroactive Blessings

She's lied to me for years – how do I get over that?

ithout snooping, I came across texts between my wife, "Mary," and a guy, "Jeremy" of a very sexual nature. While I $would {\it be}\, {\it okay}\, if {\it she}\, were\, doing\, this\, and}\, I\, knew$ about it, this has been going on since before we met. (We've been together 10 years.) She says she has never met him in person (despite communicating with him for more than a

decade!) and this was the only thing she was doing that she thought would have been out of bounds. I'm not okay with her being with other guys, but I know harmless flirting can be a release. Still, I have issues with anxiety and depression, and this is definitely triggering me. Prior to this, it never occurred to me that Mary would do anything that had a whiff of dishonesty about it. But her having kept this from me makes me



UPSET IN THE MIDWEST

Dan Savage

I think you should get over it, UITM.

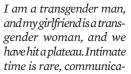
Easier said than done, I realize, particularly with the twin burdens of anxiety and depression. But if you would have been fine with this had you known—if there was no reason for Mary to hide this LTR-of-sorts from you—the best way to prove that to her is by giving it your retroactive blessing.

Mary shouldn't have hidden this from you. But she assumed-incorrectly, as it turned out-you would have a problem with those texts. It was a reasonable assumption on her part, since swapping flirty texts with a stranger is regarded as "out of bounds" by most. While this makes Mary's failure to disclose look a little worse, we live in a culture that defines absolutely everything as cheating, and as a consequence, people not only lack perspective (oh, to live in a world where everyone regarded harmless flirtation as no big deal!) but also the language to honestly discuss our need for a little harmless erotic affirmation from someone who isn't a spouse or partner.

When should she have told you about Jeremy? What would you have done if on the third or fourth date, she looked up from her menu and said, "I've been swapping flirty texts with this guy for, oh, years. I have no interest in him in real life, we've never even met in person, but I enjoy his texts and would like to keep swapping texts with him. I hope that's not a problem."

> You would have dumped her on the spot, right? She didn't want to stop, she didn't know how to talk about it, she hesitated, and... a decade went by.

> If there's nothing elseif no other shoes dropgive this your retroactive blessing.



tion is minimal, and although I care for her deeply, I do not like her as a person and no longer want to get married. I have considered asking if we could open up the relationship, but I doubt that is the solution. How does one end a long-term relationship?

HELP RELATIONSHIP TRANSITION

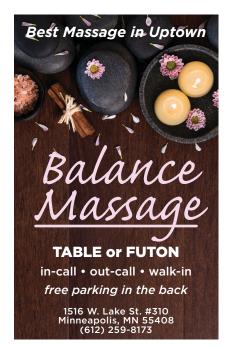
Whatever you do, HRT, please don't ask to open up your relationship when what you really want is out. A lot of people who want out do this, and it's why so many people believe all requests to open a relationship are a sign the relationship is doomed. People who want out but ask for open inevitably get out in the end. People who want open and ask for open and get it tend to stay.

Anyway, HRT, how does one end a longterm relationship? One uses one's words. If "I love you" are the three magic words, then "I'm leaving you" are the three tragic words. Seeing as intimacy is rare and communication is minimal, it shouldn't be a shock to your soon-to-be-ex fiancée.



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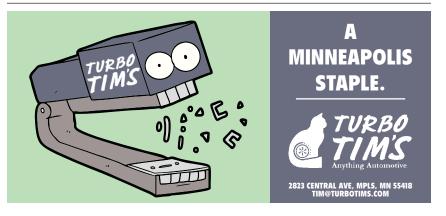
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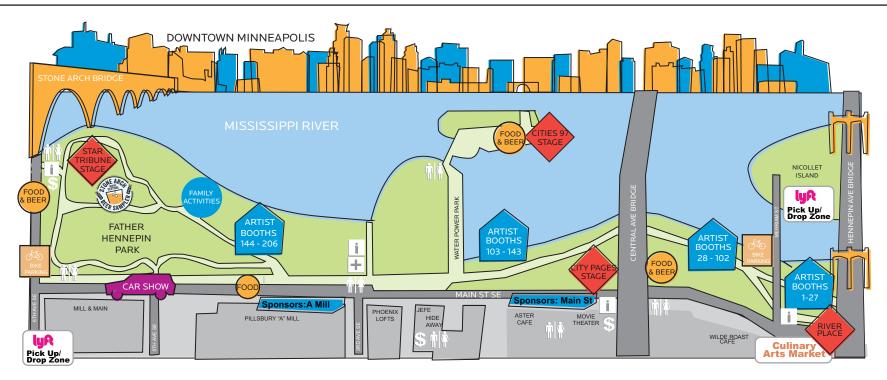












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LIVE MUSIC SCHEDULE

FREE KICK-OFF CONCERT • FRIDAY, JUNE 15

CITIES 97 STAGE ON WATER POWER PARK 6PM GATES OPEN • 7PM MURZIK • 8:30PM ROGUE VALLEY

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

CITIES 97 STAGE ON WATER POWER PARK

11:00 AM MN Sinfe	onia
1:00 PM Hot Pink Hang	over
2:10 PM The Von Tra	mps
3:20 PM Mild Mai	
4:30 PM Yesterd	
5:40 PM Larry Wish & His (
6:50 PM Rich Mattson & the Norths	tars
8:00 PM Purple Funk Metrop	
9:15 PM Jack k	(latt

STAR TRIBUNE STAGE IN FATHER HENNEPIN PARK

2:15 PM	Wilkinson James
3:15 PM	. Prairie Fire Lady Choir
4:15 PM	Lena Elizabeth
5:15 PM	Emily Haavik & the 35s
6:15 PM	One Ukulele

CITY PAGES STAGE UNDER THE CENTRAL AVE BRIDGE

12:15 PM	Alex Schneider
1:15 PM	Brooke Elizabeth
2:15 PM	Graham Earley
	Dan Israel
4:15 PM	M French
	Jeff Krause
6:15 PM	Wendy C Johnson

FESTIVAL POSTER

Artist Elizabeth Murphy created a mesmerizing drawing of the Stone Arch Bridge for the festival's 2018 Collector's Poster.

Murphy is a featured artist at the festival this year (booth #99) and has the 2018 Collector's Poster available for purchase.

The image is also featured on a reusable tote bag available for purchase at all festival information booths.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

CITIES 97 STAGE ON WATER POWER PARK

11:00 AM School of Rock St. Paul
12:00 PM Loud Sun
1:00 PM RLGDPPL
2:05 PM The Fontanelles
3:10 PM The Ultrasounds
4:15 PM The Usual Things

STAR TRIBUNE STAGE IN FATHER HENNEPIN PARK

1:15 PM	10th Wave
2:15 PM	Peter Lochner
3:15 PM	
4:15 PM	. Kind Country

CITY PAGES STAGE UNDER THE CENTRAL AVE BRIDGE

11:15 AM	Charlie Vail
12:15 PM	. Bob & Lynn Dixon
1:15 PM	Julia Christi Ann
2:15 PM	Gentleman Speaker
3:15 PM Nikki &	the Ruemates (duo)
4:15 PM	Glen Helgeson

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MAIN STREET @ A MILL

Dough Dough, Baldys, Pimento Jamaican Kitchen

FATHER HENNEPIN PARK

Burrito Madness, Jake's Street Grille, Da'Lemon, Bridgeman's Ice Cream, Groveland Confections, Simply Nuts, Regals Concessions, Top Dog, Naturally Delicious, Don-O's Gyros

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